

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. ^M14-13

1. Name of Property

(indicate preferred name)

historic Mobley-Howard House

other

2. Location

street and number 8311 Hawkins Creamery Rd not for publication

city, town vicinity

county

3. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Anne B. Lee

street and number 8311 Hawkins Creamery Rd

telephone

city, town

state

zip code

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

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folio

city, town

tax map

tax parcel

tax ID number

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- ☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

Inventory No. ^{M:}14-13

Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

William B. & Louisa H. [Riggs] Mobley built the main block of the house in 1893. They owned the 110-acre farm from 1889-1900. The house is now located on 6.38 acres.

The house was a three-bay side gable structure built about 1893. Between 1974 and 1984, the east front projecting pavilion was constructed.¹ John and Cora Howard built the rear addition in 1909. The structure is covered with vinyl siding. The front door with classical door surround is not original. Most of the windows are 2/2 sash. The newest section has 1/1 sash.

A smoke house is covered with tongue and groove beaded siding laid horizontally. A bank barn, typical of the late 1800s or early 1900s, has three metal ventilating cupolas and a corrugated metal roof with snow dogs. The barn is now covered with vinyl siding. A poolhouse has a concrete foundation and vinyl siding.

The property includes historic markers from the Blair Silver Spring estate on Georgia Avenue. "Reunion Fete to the Armies of Grant and Sherman after the grand review of 23 & 24 May 1865, Blairs Corps"

¹Photo in file from c1974 and description of house 1984.

8. Significance

Inventory No. 14-13

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
politics/government				
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☐ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

William B. and Louisa H. Mobley purchased the 176-acre property in 1889. Louisa's uncle Samuel Riggs was a co-purchaser. At the time, the property was improved by a comfortable frame dwelling, barn, and other outbuildings. The Mobleys built their own house on the property in March of 1893. Riggs conveyed his share of the property to the couple four years later.²

William Mobley was involved in numerous real estate transactions in the county. He and partner James Ayton served as an unofficial bank, lending mortgages and managing fire insurance. Mobley also owned the Darby-Green Farm (14-34) from 1889-1890.³

In 1900, the Mobleys sold this property. John A and Cora S. Howard acquired 110 acres. The Howards likely built the rear portion about 1909. John was a widower in 1937 when he sold the farm. At that time, the house was described as a seven-room dwelling.⁴

This property has been in the Lee family since 1955. Col E. Brooke moved to the Mobley-Howard House in 1955 with his third wife Nina Lee. It is one of several that Lee purchased between 1953 and 1959 when he retired from politics to become a real estate developer and a farmer. Lee became one of the largest Polled Hereford Cattle breeders in the country. At its height he owned 12 additional farms in Frederick and Howard Counties. Brooke and Nina lived here briefly before moving to the Gartrell Farm.⁵

E. Brooke Lee lived a long and significant career as a soldier, politician, real estate developer and gentleman farmer. Instrumental in regional planning, he facilitated creation of the WSSC (1916)

² Catherine Crawford, MHT form, #14-13, 1984. *Sentinel* 3-17-1893.

³ MHT Forms: 14-34 Darby-Green Farm (Clare Kelly Cavicchi, 2004) and 14/37-6 Laytonsville HD.

⁴ Ibid.

⁵ Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Form, 11/14, Removed.

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and M-NCPPC (1927). A close ally of Gov Ritchie, he was State Comptroller 1919-1923 and was Speaker of the House of Delegates 1926-30. The son of US Senator Blair Lee, E. Brooke Lee was born in the Blair Lee House in Washington, DC and grew up at his great grandfather Francis Preston Blair's *Silver Spring* estate on Georgia Ave where he lived with his first wife. At the height of his political life, he lived at Llewellyn Fields (28/17, MP), home of his second wife Thelma Crawford. They lived there 12 years, until they divorced in 1946. He lived at Piney Branch Apts after his first and second divorces, 1930s and 1949-54.

When Lee retired from grain and hay farming in 1982, he sold equipment at a public sale.⁶ His family has continued to own the house. Grandson E. Brooke Lee III (c1947-2003), who resided here since 1971 with his wife and children, died at this home after a long battle with lung cancer. He was president of the Lee Development Group.

⁶Public auction notice in file, March 27, 1982.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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MHT Forms: 14-34 Darby-Green Farm (Clare Kelly Cavicchi, 2004) ;
14/37-6 Laytonsville HD;
11/14 (William Bushong).
#14-13 (Catherine Crawford 1984). *Sentinel* 3-17-1893.
Journal, 4-21-1985.
Gazette, 3/7/2003.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 6.38 acres

Acreage of historical setting

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale:

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Clare Kelly Cavicchi		
organization	M-NCPPC	date	July 2004
street & number	8787 Georgia Ave	telephone	301-563-3400
city or town	Silver Spring	state	

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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return to:

Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

ESTATE AUCTION
"SILVER SPRING FARM"
VALUABLE MANOR HOUSE ON 12+ ACRES
 (Residence of the Late Col. E. Brooke Lee)



10,000 SWEEPSTAKES RD. (Just off Rt. 124), DAMASCUS, MD

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 1986

TO BE OFFERED AT 1:00 P.M. ON THE PREMISES

MANOR HOUSE: 2½ story frame approx. 80 yrs. old w/4 BR's; 3 baths on the 2nd floor, L/R; D/R; hall; kitchen; laundry; study; F/R w/FP; & 1½ baths on the 1st floor. There is a screened front porch; plaster walls on the 2nd floor & native oak & knotty pine paneling from the "Blair Farm" in Silver Spring on the 1st floor. There are random width floors throughout w/the newer addition coming from the "Blair Farm" house.

OUTBUILDINGS: Frame 2 story barn; carriage shed, garage & tool shed. Presently there are private wells & septic with central water, sewerage & gas available.

ZONING: R-200 (Residential, One-Family) with "Sweepstakes Park" (a possible 5 lot subdivision) located on the south side of Sweepstakes Rd.

POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE USES: (Subject to Zoning Approval) Bed & Breakfast, Country Inn, Vet Clinic, or Horse Farm to name a few.

OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY APRIL 13TH & SUNDAY APRIL 20TH FROM 1 TO 3:00 P.M.

TERMS: A deposit of \$20,000 on Sale Day in the form of Certified or Cashier's Check. **FINANCING** is available to pre-qualified purchasers prior to sale with \$50,000 down at settlement, at 10%, 30 yr. amortization to balloon in 5 yrs. (negotiable), no points. Settlement within 45 days from date of sale.

FOR FULL DETAILS ON THIS FINE PROPERTY WITH FINANCING CONTACT THE AUCTIONEER'S CO. FOR A DESCRIPTIVE BROCHURE. WRITE OR CALL:

Trout
 Auctioneers, Inc.

By Authority of
 E. L. Lee, III
 Personal Representative
 of the Estate of
 Col. E. Brooke Lee

Heirs plan to auction Lee estate

By **JALEH HAGIGH**
 Journal staff writer

The 12-acre farm and manor house belonging to the late Col. E. Brooke Lee, head of the powerful Lee political dynasty in Maryland, will go on the auction block early next month, something that won't sadden some family members.

Grandson E. Brooke Lee III, executor of the Lee estate, said he cared more for the man than the Damascus house, although there was one birthday party he'll never forget.

It was October 1976, and the country was busy celebrating the bicentennial. Col. Lee was 85 and his family threw him a surprise birthday party in the 83-year-old house. Lee said everyone came dressed in colonial clothing, something that thrilled the aging Lee.

At the party, Col. Lee was presented with a proclamation for turning 85.

After Col. Lee died at age 92 in September 1984 and his wife, Nina, died that November, Lee said the family expected to sell the house.

"I've never really considered it a family home and I don't have that many memories of it. On the other hand, you're sad to see any era end. He meant more to me than the house," Lee said.

E. Brooke Lee III spent about six summers at the house working on the farm during high school and liked the living room best because of its view of the orchards where Lee planted many fruit and fig trees.

Five generations of Lees have

gathered at the house at one time or another during the 70 years Lee occupied the house. For the past four months, it has been empty.

The 2½-story white frame house was appraised at \$310,000 and includes four bedrooms, a living room, dining room, kitchen, study, screened porch and 4¼ baths.

Also to be sold with the house and the 12.3 acre farm is a dilapidated two-story barn, a carriage and tool shed, a garage and a small log smokehouse.

Col. Lee was one of the largest breeders of polled Hereford cattle in the United States and killed his own beef, said James Trout, of Trout Auctioneers in Frederick. Lee used the smokehouse to cure the meat.

"He loved the orchard and loved being able to walk out after a day's work and be able to look at the trees," Lee said.

Strangers would often drop off their cats and dogs at the farm because they knew Lee would take them in.

Lee said the colonel could often be seen walking around his estate followed by a train of stray animals.

The farm at one time consisted of 200 acres.

The auction will be held at 1 p.m. May 3.

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Lisa M. Griffiths/Journal

A stepping stone used to mount horses sits outside the home of the late Col. E. Brook Lee. The stone commemorates the end of the Civil War. The Lee home, minus the historic stone, will be auctioned May 3.

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E. Brooke Lee, developer, dies of cancer at 56

MONT. GAZETTE

by Brooke Stanley

Staff Writer
3/7/03

SILVER SPRING — E. Brooke Lee III, a prominent Silver Spring businessman and former president of the Lee Development Group, died Wednesday at his home in Laytonsville after an 11-month battle with lung cancer. He was 56.

Lee's great-great-grandfather, Francis Preston Blair, founded Silver Spring in the mid-1800s, and many of Lee's relatives, including Col. E. Brooke Lee and Blair Lee III, were prominent political figures.

Lee relinquished control of Lee Development in late July to his cousin, Blair Lee IV, because of his declining health.

Lee's family and former associates remember him as a gentleman who was devoted to his family, his business and the development of his community.

Blair Lee IV, also a columnist for The Gazette, said one of the things E. Brooke Lee was most proud of was his climb from assistant property manager, where he was literally scraping gum off Lee Development property sidewalks, to president. His success was even more impressive, said Blair Lee IV, because as a child he struggled with severe dyslexia.

"It was really a supreme act of will that he overcame that," Blair Lee IV said. "He was very much self-made."

Lee led the family movement to stay in Silver Spring during a time when the vitality of the community had waned.

"He was always very, very constructive and very dedicated to the re-energizing of Silver

Spring," said Lloyd Moore, president of Moore & Associates Inc., a Silver Spring real estate investment and property management business.

Moore, who knew E. Brooke Lee for almost 20 years, said he



Lee

could always discuss an issue with him and expect to get an objective answer.

"He was a first-

class person and a first-class colleague," Moore said.

Gus Bauman, a former Montgomery County Planning Board chairman, said Lee was never afraid to tell people exactly what he thought about a particular proposal.

"The thing that was striking about Brooke was that he was a very gentle guy and at the same time he was quite direct," Bauman said.

Bauman said Lee and his development company showed a tremendous level of dedication to the Silver Spring community when they built the Lee Building, housing the company's headquarters, at Georgia Avenue and Colesville Road in the 1980s. The architecturally intricate building was a rarity at that time, and when it was built, all that existed on the adjacent corners were two gas stations and a decaying shopping center, Bau-

man said.

"They were looking to the future when they designed and built that building," he said.

County Councilman Steven A. Silverman (D-At large) of Silver Spring, a former president of the Greater Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce, described Lee as a great community leader.

"He and his family have given back to the community that they helped build," Silverman said. He added that he is confident that Lee Development will continue to contribute to the community, both in the public and private sectors.

"It's a sad day for Montgomery County and for Silver Spring," Silverman said. "He'll be missed."

Lee was a founding member of the Silver Spring Renaissance Committee, was past president of the Silver Spring Chamber of Commerce and had been in the Navy Reserve. He was also past director of the Montgomery County and Damascus chambers of commerce and of the

Montgomery County Humane Society.

Lee is survived by his wife of 34 years, Anne Brittle Lee of Laytonsville; four children, E. Brooke Lee IV of Mount Airy, and Sewell Lee, Catherine Wells Lee and Camilla Lee, all of Laytonsville; his father, E. Brooke Lee of Chevy Chase; four sisters, Camilla Lee Alexander of Berkeley, Calif., Kaiulani Lee Kimbrell of Arlington, Katy Blair St. John of Essex, Mass., and Elizabeth Lee of Washington; a brother, Richard Henry Lee of Warren, Maine; a half-brother, Samuel Phillips Lee, and a half-sister, Regina Lee, both of Chevy Chase.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at St. John's Episcopal Church, 3427 Olney/Laytonsville Road, Olney. Burial will follow at Rock Creek Cemetery in Washington, D.C. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Hampton Davies Scholarship Fund and sent to St. Mary's College, St. Mary's City, MD 20686.

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14-13 MOBLEY HOUSE



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Southampton, 1999.



Scale: 1" = 200'

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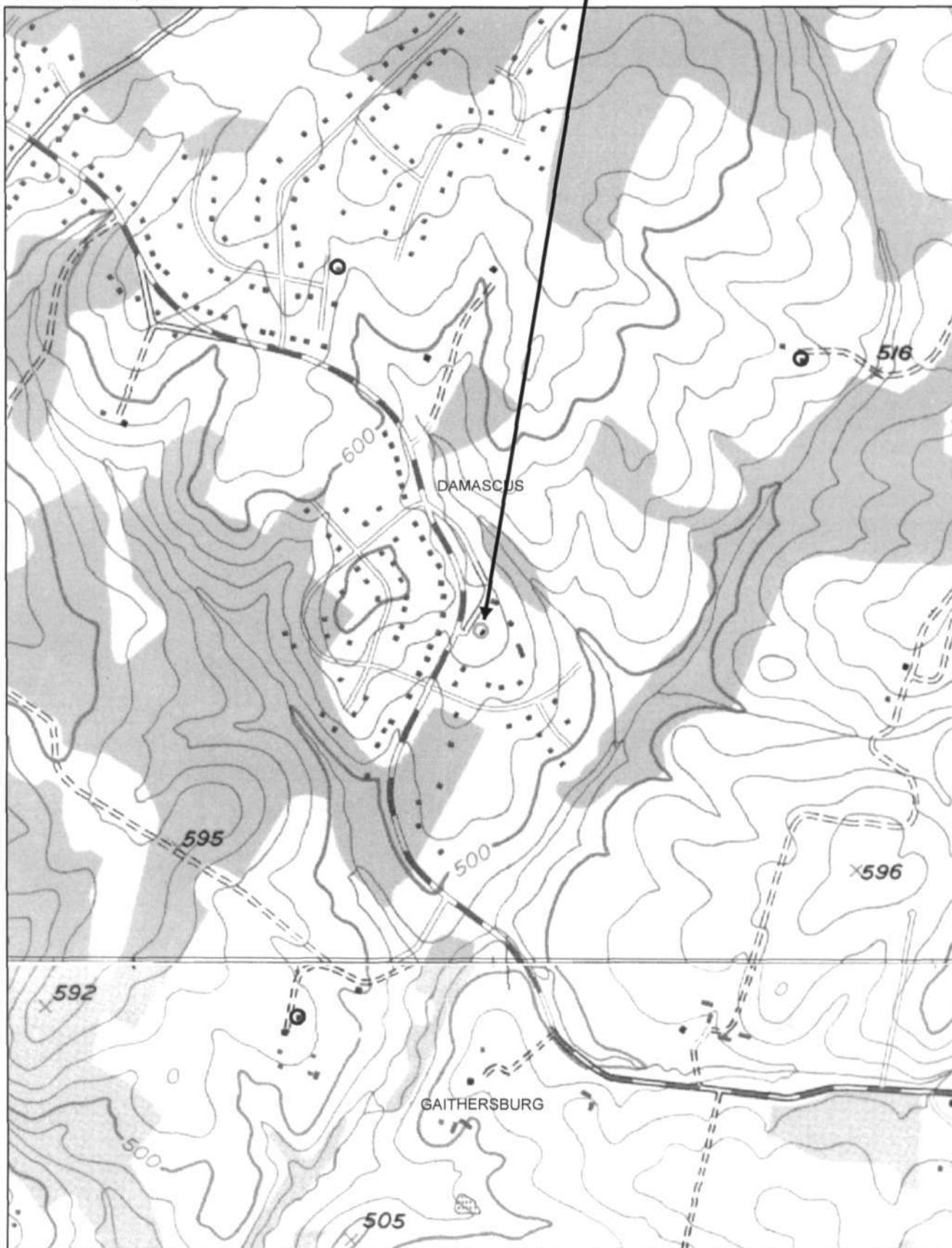
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NOTE TO FILE

Historic Sites Research and/or Photography
By Clare Lise Kelly, M-NCPPC
Formerly Clare Lise Cavicchi
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MO: 14 - 13
Mobley House
8311 Hawkins Creamery Road
Laytonsville, Montgomery County
Damascus Quad







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**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

Survey No. M 14-13

Magi No. 1601865704

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mobley House

and/or common Howard House

2. Location

street & number 8311 Hawkins Creamery Road not for publication

city, town Damascus vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name E. Brooke Lee 3rd & A.B. Lee

street & number 8311 Hawkins Creamery Road telephone no.:

city, town Damascus state and zip code Maryland, 20760

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 4921

street & number folio 885

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title M-NCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ☐ federal ☒ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records M-NCPPC Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an unusual-looking house that has undergone a number of alterations. The main section is a three-bay (north) part, with a gable roof that hangs over the walls of the house. The central door has a four-section transom-light and is surrounded by a heavily-molded architrave that consists of a flat-topped pediment, with dentils, supported by flat pilasters. Windows are 2/2, and siding is clapboard. Other (rear) sections of house not visible, but may date before 1900.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Mobley House is a late nineteenth century rural dwelling. The present house has a somewhat unusual look in that it seems to combine Classical Revival and late Victorian styling. This may be the result of twentieth century remodeling; giving what was probably a Victorian influenced structure a revival look with changes to the facade, including the present molded architrave entry with pediment. Victorian influence is seen in the treatment of the front and rear corners of the south elevation where they have been cut and windows are located. To the rear of the house is a two story section.

The house is believed to have been built in 1893 by William B. Mobley.¹ Mobley purchased the property along with his wife's uncle, Samuel Riggs in May of 1889. The property then consisted of 176 acres of the "Resurvey on Griffithsburg" tract and was improved by a comfortable frame dwelling, barn and other outbuildings.² Riggs later conveyed the property in full to Mobley in 1897. William and his wife, Louisa H. Mobley built their own dwelling in March of 1893.³ They farmed the land until March of 1900 when they sold the property to John A. & Cora S. Howard.⁴ The Howards lived in the house for many years, running a farm on their 110 acres. The Howards more than likely had the rear section built about 1909.⁵ In July of 1937, John (by then a widower) sold the farm to Lance Tompkins and his wife, Hazel.⁶ The property was then described as 110 acres in a good state of cultivation, improved by a seven room dwelling house in good condition.⁷ The Tompkins later sold the farm to E. Brooke Lee & Silver Spring Properties, Inc.⁸ The house, still in the Lee family, now rests on a 6.3806 acre lot.

See Attachment Sheet for footnotes

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:14-13

Montgomery County Land Records
Montgomery County Judgement Records
Sentinel, March 17, 1893

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 6.38

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Catherine Crawfordorganization Mont. Co. Hist. Pres. Comm.date 1/84

street & number _____

telephone _____

city or town Rockvillestate Maryland

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Howard House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Hawkins Creamery Road (at bend in road)

CITY, TOWN

Damascus

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☒ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is an unusual-looking house that has undergone a number of alterations. The main section is a three-bay (north) part, with a gable roof that hangs over the walls of the house. The central door has a four-section transom-light and is surrounded by a heavily-molded architrave that consists of a flat-topped pediment, with dentils, supported by flat pilasters. Windows are 2/2, and siding is clapboard. Other (rear) sections of house not visible, but may date before 1900.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

- ☐ PREHISTORIC
- ☐ 1400-1499
- ☐ 1500-1599
- ☐ 1600-1699
- ☐ 1700-1799
- ☐ 1800-1899
- ☒ 1900-

- ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- ☐ AGRICULTURE
- ☐ ARCHITECTURE
- ☐ ART
- ☐ COMMERCE
- ☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- ☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
- ☐ CONSERVATION
- ☐ ECONOMICS
- ☐ EDUCATION
- ☐ ENGINEERING
- ☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- ☐ INDUSTRY
- ☐ INVENTION

- ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- ☐ LAW
- ☐ LITERATURE
- ☐ MILITARY
- ☐ MUSIC
- ☐ PHILOSOPHY
- ☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- ☐ RELIGION
- ☐ SCIENCE
- ☐ SCULPTURE
- ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- ☐ THEATER
- ☐ TRANSPORTATION
- ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Mrs. Donald Warfield, this was the old Howard place, that was bought and remodeled by the E. Brooke Lee family during the 20th Century.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

1/22/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

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Silver Spring

STATE

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